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ANNUAL
REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF
CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15,
1902.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

*SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,
TOWN TREASURER, TOWN CLERK,
SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY TRUS-
TEES AND AUDITORS*

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

For the Year Ending, February 15, 1902.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—Charles H. Edwards, John C. Ramsdell, Franklin P. Shackford.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Franklin P. Shackford.

TOWN TREASURER—George S. West.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

SCHOOL BOARD—John M. Webster, Lizzie S. Hooke.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—John M. Webster.

REPRESENTATIVE—John M. Webster.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

CONSTABLES—Dwight M. Mitchell, Charles J. Eastman, Robert H. Hazelton.

SUPERVISORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton, Martin Mills.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Charles H. Greene, Addison A. Bean.

HEALTH OFFICERS—Cyrus F. Marston, J. Albert Hooke, Ralph H. Barker.

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.]

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of Librarian, and defray running expenses of the Library.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Free Public Library.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.
6. To see if the Town will vote to redistrict the town into more highway districts.

7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a piece of road east of the H. G. O. Hawke's house cellar, from the northeast corner of the Jack farm, so called, to the northwest corner of the Hooper land.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray expenses of observing Old Home Week.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a Soldiers' Monument, and choose an agent or agents to expend the same.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1902.

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,	

A true copy of warrant, attest :

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,	
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1902.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	.	\$265,743 00
Non-resident real estate,	.	30,052 00
No. polls, 203,	.	20,300 00
No. horses, 220,	.	11,380 00
No. oxen, 8,	.	390 00
No. cows, 378,	.	9,063 00
No. other neat stock, 109,	.	2,092 00
No. Sheep, 27,	.	81 00
Bank stock,	.	4,964 00
Money at interest,	.	2,600 00
Stock in trade,	.	32,623 00
Mills, machinery, etc.,	.	7,000 00
		<hr/> \$386,288 00

APPROPRIATION.

State tax,	.	769 25
County tax,	.	1,454 72
Town charges,	.	1 00
Highways and bridges,	.	1,200 00
School tax required by law,	.	905 00
School tax voted by district, additional,	.	400 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	.	100 00

Books for public library, . . .	100 00	
Librarian's salary and running expenses of library, . . .	50 00	
Memorial day, . . .	50 00	
Overlay, . . .	186 46	
Total assessment, . . .	————	\$5,216 43
Rate per cent of taxation on \$100, .		\$1 35

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law, . . .	\$905 00	
Additional by vote of district, . . .	400 00	
Literary fund, . . .	72 50	
Balance of dog tax from 1900, . . .	169 12	
	————	\$1,546 62
Tuition for pupils at academy, . . .		\$45 00

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills :

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

LABOR, LUMBER, ETC.

1901.

April	15,	Paid W. N. Colby, . . .	\$10 00
	15,	S. G. Healey, . . .	4 15
	15,	W. H. West, 2nd, . . .	13 13
May	6,	B. A. Follansbee, . . .	6 75
	17,	S. G. Healey, . . .	71 80
	28,	W. T. Owen, . . .	46 36
	31,	S. S. Warren, . . .	39 40
June	1,	C. H. Smith, . . .	18 00
	6,	G. W. Southwick, . . .	60 75
	18,	S. G. Healey, . . .	38 00
	20,	A. J. Lane, . . .	88 99
	25,	W. N. Colby, . . .	67 85

June	29,	Paid S. G. Healey,	.	\$14 05
July	1,	C. H. Smith,	.	61 40
	3,	G. W. Southwick,	.	98 17
	13,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	33 90
Aug.	26,	W. N. Colby,	.	49 25
Sept.	4,	G. A. Cammett,	.	70 15
	6,	S. S. Warren,	.	60 45
	11,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	31 10
	28,	C. H. Smith,	.	24 05
Oct.	2,	S. G. Healey,	.	12 30
	11,	N. W. Goldsmith,	.	41 46
	12,	C. H. Edwards,	.	177 25
	12,	G. S. West,	.	159 85
	16,	S. G. Healey,	.	15 90
	18,	G. W. Southwick,	.	66 62
	21,	C. H. Smith,	.	13 00
	26,	W. T. Owen,	.	79 01
Nov.	2,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	41 78
	7,	A. J. Lane,	.	11 55
	14,	W. N. Colby,	.	43 25
	16,	S. S. Warren,	.	21 97
	19,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	3 79
Dec.	14,	G. D. Rand,	.	4 65
1902.				
Feb.	15,	C. H. Edwards,	.	2 10
	15,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	2 70
	15,	G. S. West,	.	38 00
				<hr/> \$1,642 88

BREAKING ROADS.

1901.

April	15,	Paid W. N. Colby,	.	\$14 47
	15,	W. H. West, 2nd,	.	20 05
	15,	S. S. Warren,	.	11 20
	24,	C. H. Edwards,	.	4 70

May	6,	Paid B. A. Follansbee,	.	\$1 80	
June	1,	C. H. Smith,	.	4 00	
1902.					
Jan.	16,	S. G. Healey,	.	5 80	
Feb.	3,	J. M. Parker,	.	3 00	
	15,	W. T. Owen,	.	6 90	
	15,	B. A. Follansbee,	.	5 60	
	15,	G. A. Cammett,	.	4 40	
	15,	C. H. Smith,	.	6 25	
	15,	J. C. Eastman,	.	90	
	15,	G. W. Southwick,	.	11 30	
	15,	W. N. Colby,	.	12 10	
	15,	A. J. Lane, .	.	7 02	
	15,	G. S. West, .	.	14 15	
				<hr/>	\$133 64

SCHOOL MONEY.

1901.					
June	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$700 00	
Nov.	18,	J. M. Webster,	.	700 00	
1902.					
Jan.	3,	J. M. Webster,	.	146 62	
				<hr/>	\$1,546 62

TUITION FOR PUPILS AT ACADEMY.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$45 00	
				<hr/>	\$45 00

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1902.					
Jan.	3,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$100 00	
				<hr/>	\$100 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster,	.	\$147 34	
				<hr/>	\$147 34

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1901.

Aug.	5,	Paid E. C. Eastman, books for	
		town use,	. \$12 95
	7,	Charles Bartlett, printing	
		town reports,	. 39 10
Dec.	4,	E. C. Eastman, law books,	7 00

1902.

Feb.	15,	A. H. Wilcomb for tax	
		bills,	. 1 00
			————— \$60 05

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1901.

Dec.	14,	Paid J. G. Robertson,	. \$50 00
			————— \$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS.

1901.

May	31,	Paid J. G. Robertson,	. \$50 00
Dec.	14,	J. G. Robertson,	. 50 00
			————— \$100 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1902.

Feb. 15, Paid Alonzo A. West :

1901.

Feb.	16,	George Wells,	. 2 00
March	4,	George L. Converse,	. 2 00
May	6,	Julia E. West,	. 2 00
	13,	James D. Bell,	. 2 00
June	9,	Harriett C. Shaw,	. 2 00
	28,	Chester P. Corning,	. 2 00
Aug.	19,	Arthur L. Emerson,	. 2 00
Sept.	28,	Mary A. Knowles,	. 2 00

Oct.	6,	Paid George M. West,	.	\$2 00
	12,	George Cammett,	.	2 00
	15,	Charles N. Fitz,	.	2 00
Nov.	1,	Martha W. Webster,	.	2 00
	18,	Joseph Dane,	.	2 00
	26,	George W. Wilcomb,	.	2 00
Dec.	27,	Meriam B. Jones,	.	2 00
	29,	Charles T. Brown,	.	2 00

1902.

Jan.	24,	Susan D. Orcutt,	.	2 00
Feb.	2,	Helen A. F. Cochrane,	.	2 00
	9,	Edwin Jones,	.	2 00
		To one chamois cloth,	.	1 00
		To one sponge,	.	60

 \$39 60

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1901.

Aug.	16,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb,	.	\$78 00
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 \$78 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, for col- lecting balance of 1900 tax,	.	\$11 46
	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, for col- lecting taxes of 1901,	.	42 50

 \$53 96

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, abate- ment of taxes of 1900:		
		Cornelias Kaler, soldier,	.	\$1 45
		William Taggart, left town,	.	1 45

Feb.	15,	Paid William Murray, left town,	\$1 45	
		John F. McCannon, left town, . . .	1 45	
		Newton E. Emerson, left town, . . .	1 45	
		George F. Weeks, paid in Manchester, . . .	1 45	
		George F. Fields, left town, . . .	1 45	
	15,	Paid Frank Dolber, for horses died, . . .	1 08	
			<hr/>	\$11 23

REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AT COLLECTOR'S SALE.

1901.

June	28,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, tax of J. W. Towle, . . .	\$24 11	
	28,	A. H. Wilcomb, tax of D. L. Sanborn, . . .	4 29	
			<hr/>	\$28 40

RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

1901.

Apr.	24,	Paid H. T. Slocum, for three marriage returns, . . .	\$0 75	
Nov.	2,	G. A. Emerson, Admr. for return of two births and one death, . . .	75	

1902.

Feb.	15,	J. G. Robertson, for return of five marriages, . . .	1 25	
	15,	R. H. Barker, M. D., for 21 deaths and nine births, . . .	7 50	
	15,	C. F. Marston, for one death and one birth, . . .	50	
			<hr/>	\$10 75

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1901.			
Dec.	14,	Paid R. H. Hazelton,	13 60
1902.			
Feb.	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, for rope for use at cemetery,	37
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			\$13 97

MEMORIAL DAY.

1901.			
		Paid E. J. Robie,	\$50 00
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			\$50 00

PUBLIC WATER TROUGHS.

1901.			
Nov.	25,	Paid C. H. Edwards, repairs on waterpipe on Derry road,	\$2 37
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			\$2 37

EXPENSE OF TOWN HALL.

1902.			
Feb.	3,	Paid F. G. Lewis, for labor, moving safe and building closets in town hall,	\$12 47
	15,	J. C. Ramsdell, for cur- tains for town hall, labor and fixtures,	6 50
1902.			
July	30,	A. H. Wilcomb, for insur- ing town hall from Aug. 1, 1901 to Aug., 1902,	10 00
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			\$28 97

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1902.			
Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston, services and expenses as health officer, . . .	\$6 00
	15,	R. H. Barker, services and expenses as health officer, . . .	11 87
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			\$17 87

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1901.			
May	25,	Paid A. H. Wilcomb, express for road machine repairs, . . .	\$0 30
June	28,	C. H. Edwards, road machine repairs, . . .	2 60
Oct.	8,	Burnham, Brown & Warren, for counsel, . . .	2 00
1902.			
Feb.	15,	C. J. Eastman, police services, July 1901, . . .	2 00
	15,	F. C. and J. R. F. Brown, for watching fire at Mrs. Cochrane's, . . .	2 50
	15,	F. W. Weymouth, for watching fire at Mrs. Cochrane's, . . .	1 25
1901.			
June	25,	J. T. Ramsey, interest on note, . . .	20 00
Aug.	16,	G. S. West, for Old Home Week, . . .	50 00
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			\$80 65

SCHOOL BOARDS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.			
Feb.	15,	Paid J. M. Webster, . . .	\$40 00

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Feb.	15,	L. S. Hooke,	.	\$40 00	
.	15,	Olive B. Jones,	.	5 00	
				<u> </u>	\$85 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston,	.	\$21 50	
				<u> </u>	\$21 50

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid G. S. West	.	\$25 00	
				<u> </u>	\$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid C. H. Edwards,	.	\$78 00	
	15,	J. C. Ramsdell,	.	39 75	
	15,	F. P. Shackford,	.	35 20	
				<u> </u>	\$152 95

OVERSEER OF THE POOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid F. P. Shackford,	.	\$12 45	
				<u> </u>	\$12 45

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

1902.					
Feb.	15,	Paid C. F. Marston,	.	\$2 00	
	15,	C. H. Greene,	.	2 00	
	15,	A. A. Bean,	.	2 00	
				<u> </u>	\$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' EXPENSES.

1902.

Feb.	15,	Paid C. H. Edwards,	.	\$5 00	
				<u> </u>	\$5 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
JOHN C. RAMSDELL,		
FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,		

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester, for the year 1901 not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, Collector.

Chester, N. H., February 20, 1902.

REPORT OF FRANK P. SHACKFORD,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

HARRIET C. SHAW.

Paid C. H. Gordon for casket,	.	\$25 00	
A. L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services,	.	7 00	
George K. Eaton, for digging grave,	.	2 50	
		<hr/>	\$34 50

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid G. M. Phoenix, for casket, robe and funeral supplies,	.	\$41 01	
C. E. Lander, M. D., for professional services,	.	5 25	
Daniel W. Drown, for care of	.	8 00	
G. S. Sanborn, for digging grave,	.	2 00	
F. P. Shackford, expenses,	.	11 45	
		<hr/>	\$67 71

TRANSIENTS.

Paid A. T. Underhill, for lodging five transients,	.	\$2 50	
C. H. Edwards, for lodging seven transients,	.	3 50	
F. P. Shackford, for lodging two transients,	.	1 00	
		<hr/>	\$7 00

FRANKLIN A. MORSE.

Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for digging grave, (account of 1900).	\$2 00	
	<hr/>	\$2 00
Total amount for support of poor in town,	\$111 21	
	<hr/>	\$111 21

COUNTY PAUPERS.

ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Fanny West, for board from Feb. 12, 1901 to Feb. 11, 1902.	\$91 00	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for professional services,	2 00	
A. L. Emerson, M. D., for profes- sional services,	2 00	
C. W. Abbott, for clothing,	2 90	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for shirts,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$98 90

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Fanny West, for board from Feb. 12, 1901 to Feb. 11, 1902,	\$91 00	
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CHARLES WOODWARD.

Paid Webster Brothers, for goods fur- nished,	\$23 70	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for profes- sional services,	32 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 70

DAVID BUTTERFIELD.

Paid Webster Brothers, for goods furnished,		\$51 58	
Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished,		6 39	
C. S. Johns, for meat furnished,		1 37	
J. C. Eastman, for sawing wood,		1 00	
R. H. Barker, M. D., for professional services,		4 00	
	— — —		\$64 34
Collected of Rockingham County and paid Town Treasurer,		\$303 55	
Balance due from County,		6 39	
	— — —		\$309 94

FRANKLIN P. SHACKFORD,

Overseer of the Poor.

 CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending, February 15, 1902, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
ADDISON A. BEAN,	
CHARLES H. GREENE,	

Dr.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1901-1902.

To discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1901	\$ 78 00
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges.....	1,642 88
To cash paid for breaking roads	133 64
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools.....	1,546 62
To cash paid for school books and supplies	147 34
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses.....	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes.....	53 96
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse.....	39 60
To cash paid for county taxes	1,454 72
To cash paid for state taxes	769 25
To cash paid for care of cemetery.....	13 97
To cash paid for return of births, marriages and deaths.....	10 75
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills.....	80 65
To cash paid for school board services and expenses.....	85 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses.....	21 50
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary.....	25 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses.....	152 95
To cash paid for overseer of poor services and expenses.....	12 45
To cash paid for auditors' services.....	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen and auditors' expenses.....	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor.....	421 15
To cash paid for school-house repairs.....	100 00
To cash paid for public library books.....	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses and librarian's services	50 00
To cash paid for abatement of taxes.....	11 23
To cash paid for tuition of pupils at Pinkerton Academy.....	45 00
To cash paid for real estate bought at collector's sale.....	28 40
To cash paid for public watering troughs.....	2 37
To cash paid for expense of town hall.....	28 97
To cash paid for board of health services.....	17 87
To cash paid for printing and stationery.....	60 05
To cash in treasury to balance.....	1,202 60
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	\$8,396 92

WITH GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER.

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1901.

	By cash in the treasury, Feb. 20, 1901....	\$925 50
March	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	200 00
April	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	500 00
May	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900	150 00
May	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901.....	100 00
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1900.....	100 00
June	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	300 00
June	By cash of town clerk, for dog licenses	155 01
July	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	700 00
Aug.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	1,500 00
Aug.	By cash of county for support of poor	116 56
Oct.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901.....	200 00
Nov.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	400 00
Dec.	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax.....	17 44
Dec.	By cash of state, savings bank tax	1,064 75
Dec.	By cash of state, literary fund	99 36
Dec.	By cash hired of Derry Bank	500 00
Dec.	By cash of Mrs J. W. Towle, to redeem real estate sold for taxes	33 03
Dec.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	400 00

1902.

Jan.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	200 00
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1901	450 00
Feb.	By cash of county for support of poor	186 99
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, balance on tax list of 1900	77 27
Feb.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, interest on taxes of 1900.	21 40
Feb.	By cash of D. I. R. Sanborn, to redeem real estate ..	4 61
Feb.	By cash of Chester Grange for rent of town hall	25 00

 \$8,396 92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance on tax list of 1901,	.	\$969 24	
Claim on real estate held by town, for non payment of taxes :			
James W. Towle farm, for 1900,	.	26 78	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	.	1,202 60	
		<u> </u>	\$2,198 62

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1902.

Note due John T. Ramsey, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	\$513 28	
Note due Webster Brothers, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	486 83	
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4 per cent,	.	299 82	
Note due Derry Bank, with interest,	.	505 00	
Amount of Pressey legacy,	.	200 00	
Balance of amount due H. S. Drowne,	.	70 65	
		<u> </u>	\$2,075 58
			<u> </u>
Balance in favor of the town,	.		\$123 04

GEORGE S. WEST, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, town treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
CHARLES H. GREENE,		
ADDISON A. BEAN,		

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of recorded books in library,		
Feb. 1, 1902,		1764
Number of unrecorded Government Re-		
ports and books with paper		
covers,		56
Books added to library in 1901,		121
Purchased with town money or fines,		110
Given,		11
Fiction,		59
Non-Fiction,		62
Number of books taken out during the		
year,		4900
Largest number taken out in one day,		108
Smallest number,		7
Per cent of fiction read,		71
Per cent of non-fiction read,		29
Money received in fines, in 1901,	\$3 10	
From summer boarders,	30	
Sale of catalogues,	35	
Balance on hand, from 1900,	98	
		\$4 73
Expended for books and needed supplies,	\$1 75	
Cash on hand to balance,	2 98	
		\$4 73

Gifts of papers, magazines and books in cloth or paper covers have been received during the year from J. F. Stuart,

Secretary of State of New Hampshire ; Mrs. Charles Tenney, Miss E. E. Rule, Ex-Gov. Rollins, G. W. Dean, J. H. Thayer, Mrs. E. H. Fitz, Miss Martha Gerry, Mrs. Charles Kent, Wilbur Cutter, Mrs. Josephine Corning, Howard Fitz, Wilson Wells, and an unknown boarder.

REMARKS BY THE LIBRARIAN.

The patronage of the Public Library during the last year has been very gratifying. An increase of 450 books in circulation over the preceding year is noticeable. Many children below the age limit are using the library by means of their parents' cards.

There is an imperative need of more shelves.

The demand for late magazines always exceeds the supply, this department of the library work is so well patronized.

The per cent of non-fiction has reached its highest mark this year, 29, but we hope to see it doubled in the future, when the average reader will find that poetry, travels and history have as keen an interest for him as current fiction.

ISABELLE H. FITZ, Librarian.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$49 82	
Received from town,	.	.	150 00	
			<hr/>	\$199 82

EXPENDITURES.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	.	\$43 06
Little, Brown & Co., books,	.	27 16
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding,	.	14 95
D. D. Cottrell, periodicals,	.	13 60
C. N. Fitz, janitor,	.	1 80
Isabelle H. Fitz, librarian,	.	20 00

A. H. Wilcomb, insurance,	.	\$7 50	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., books,	.	3 51	
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	.	8 98	
Wilson S. Wells, periodical,	.	1 00	
Webster Bros., wood and supplies,	.	5 87	
Carrie B. Hazelton, four books,	.	2 75	
A. V. Fisher, two books,	.	2 00	
Frank Gile, sawing wood,	.	1 20	
Calvin Griffin, sawing wood,	.	90	
Home Library Association, books,	.	11 00	
L. W. Hall, work and materials,	.	6 25	
Chas. H. Knowles, one cord wood,	.	4 00	
Charles Bartlett, printing	.	1 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, supplies,	.	85	
Express, freight and expenses,	.	3 80	
Balance on hand,	.	18 64	
			\$199 82

AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, }
 ADDISON A. BEAN, } Library Trustees.
 JAMES G. ROBERTSON, }

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library of the Town of Chester, for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, }
 CHARLES H. GREENE, } Auditors.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ROCKINGHAM, S.S.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District,
qualified to vote in District affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the fifteenth day of March, 1902, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing one year.
5. To choose a Treasurer.
6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to unite with one or more Town Districts or Special Districts, to form a Supervisory District for the purpose of employing a superintendent of the public schools therein, under the provisions of chapter 77 of the Session Laws of New Hampshire, 1899 ; and to raise money to carry such vote into effect.

7. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.

9. To see what the District will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

10. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this twenty-first day of February, 1902.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

SCHOOL REPORT.

One of our School Suprintendents, who went to his long home, some years ago, said :

“Another year of the school history of our town has passed. Any record of it must necessarily be brief and imperfect. As in the flow of quiet waters, there is little in the course of such a history to attract public attention and remark, though the results are most important and wide-reaching. Next to the influence of home, are those of the school in giving inspiration and directions to those immortal powers, which are the inheritance of every child ; and which, to the child and to others, work incalculable weal or woe, according to their early shaping or development. No town can therefore feel too deep an interest in the educational influences which mould its youth, or care too sedulously that they are of the highest possible order and excellence.”

Our schools are never all we would have them, but we cannot expect to have perfect teachers and scholars, when parents, and even the School Board have never yet attained that point themselves. However, we think that on the whole, our schools have been as good as the average. We think some of our scholars leave school too early. If they cannot go out of town to school, it is more important that they should attend the home school longer. Only a few years ago scholars from eighteen to twenty, and even older than that, were seen in our schoolrooms in the winter. Now, some of them think

they know all there is to be known, by the time the law will allow them to remain away. This is all a mistake. Our teachers now are just as capable of teaching advanced scholars as they were then and enjoy having them in the schoolroom. Then do not stay at home because you think you are too old or know too much. We are never too old to learn. There is knowledge beyond us all.

Our roll of honor is not quite up to last year; partly on account of sickness, and partly on account of a heavy snow-storm the first of the winter term. We hope it may be better another year.

Some criticisms have reached our ears in regard to the condition of the blinds on one of our schoolhouses. We admit they needed looking after, and commenced in the early spring to have it done, but before we could get the missing ones put in shape, others had broken, so that now they are about as good as they were when we commenced repairing. Hope another spring may see those repairs completed.

Mrs. Jones resigned early in the school year, and left town after part of the teachers were engaged, and as there was nothing out of the regular order of business, the other members have carried on the work without filling the vacancy.

The same teachers were kept through the year, except in two cases, where they resigned at the close of the fall term, and could not be persuaded to withdraw their resignations, so new ones must be found for the five or six weeks of winter school.

On account of sickness, only one of the members was able to be present at the close of the winter schools, but we think that taken as a whole, very good work has been done. Hoping that still better work may be done another year, we close our report.

LIZZIE S. HOOKE, } School Board
JOHN M. WEBSTER, } of Chester.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST DIVISION. NO. 1 SCHOOL.

Howard W. Edwards *	Ruth N. Webster †
Laura R. Lane *	Leroy S. Woodard
Lena L. Webster	Addie E. Southwick

SECOND DIVISION.

Mildred Fitts	Blanche Nichols †
Blanche Webster	Marie Thayer
Ethel Mackintosh †	Edith Hazelton
Earl Hazelton	Sherburne Hazelton
Philip Hazelton	

NO. 2. SOUTH ROAD.

Holly Purinton *	Alice Leighton
Percy Richardson	Abbie Willey

NO. 3. BRICK.

Sumner Edwards †	Joseph Edwards †
Robert Bryant	Walter Brown

NO. 5. NORTH CHESTER.

Minnie Hazelton †	Grace M. Dolber *
Maud B. Parker †	Nellie W. Parker †
Everett R. Haselton †	Bernice Maxwell †
Alice B. Maxwell †	Roy F. Weeks †
Evelyn M. Holland	Florence A. Holland
Perley V. Haselton	

NO. 6. TOWLE.

Ella M. Barnard	Hazel I. Stowe †
Alice L. Marden	Percy S. Stowe †
Fred Drowne	Roxana R. W. West
Joseph Hatch	Herbert Ray

NO. 7. WALNUT HILL.

Bertha A. L. Buzzell	Ethel Tewksbury
Olive S. Buzzell	Lillian Kimball
John J. S. Buzzell	Herbert Woodard
Hazel S. Stevens	George Woodard

* Three terms perfect.

† Two terms perfect.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1901.

June	21, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	\$99 00
	21, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	66 00
	21, Anna L. Hazelton,	.	73 15
	27, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	78 00
	27, Edith M. Webster,	.	72 00
	28, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	.	88 00
	28, Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	82 50
Nov.	22, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	99 00
	22, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	.	96 00
	25, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	75 00
	25, Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	96 00
	27, Duraxa W. Crawford,	.	71 50
Dec.	2, Edith M. Webster,	.	72 00
	10, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	78 00

1902.

Jan.	3, Edith M. Webster,	.	30 00
	3, Susie M. Gillingham,	.	32 50
	9, Grace E. Marden,	.	45 00
	9, M. Genevieve Sargeant,	.	48 00
	9, Mary E. Chesbro,	.	39 00
	11, Martha L. Coolidge,	.	37 50
	17, Adelaide M. Turner,	.	63 00

 \$1,441 15

FUEL ACCOUNT.

1901.

Paid Martin Mills,	.	.	\$6 69
A. F. B. Edwards & Son,	.	.	6 00
Garland Smith,	.	.	8 20
R. H. Hazelton,	.	.	2 00
Bertie F. Gile, fitting wood,	.	.	1 75
W. P. W. Whittemore,	.	.	8 00

1902.

Paid Charles E. Willey, fitting wood,	.	.	1 50
Frank C. Brown, fitting wood,	.	.	75
Green & Couch,	.	.	8 00
Augustus P. Morse,	.	.	6 07
George H. Dane,	.	.	6 87
Oscar M. Lovering,	.	.	5 25

 \$61 08

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Joseph Hatch,	.	.	\$1 25
Frank Warren,	.	.	1 50
Howard B. Fitts,	.	.	4 45

 \$7 20

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Paid Charles F. True,	.	.	\$58 00
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 \$58 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mrs. Fannie West,	.	.	\$7 50
Mrs. Ella B. Drowne,	.	.	2 00
Mrs. B. A. Follansbee,	.	.	2 00
B. A. Follansbee,	.	.	1 00
Mrs. A. M. Wakefield,	.	.	2 00
Charles Bartlett,	.	.	75
Mrs. Rufus Abbott,	.	.	1 00

 \$16 25

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid L. H. Pillsbury & Son,	.	\$4 00	
W. F. Hubbard,	.	3 25	
Henry S. Jones,	.	1 00	
Sidney A. Hardy,	.	1 00	
Harry N. West,	.	5 28	
L. B. Jenkins & Co.,	.	55	
Thomas Leavitt, Jr.,	.	5 00	
A. F. B. Edwards & Son,	.	1 34	
William Hodgdon,	.	40	
James M. Heath,	.	2 25	
Edward West,	.	50	
Jesse G. Hall,	.	5 72	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	2 91	
John W. West, 2nd,	.	3 00	
William P. Nichols,	.	55 69	
Lizzie S. Hooke,	.	2 70	
			<hr/>
			\$94 59

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Silver, Burdett, & Co.,	.	\$40 86	
Thomas R. Shewell, & Co.,	.	4 51	
Edward E. Babb, & Co.,	.	23 50	
American Book Co.,	.	68 56	
Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	1 36	
Webster Bros.,	.	5 05	
Express and Postage,	.	5 20	
			<hr/>
			\$149 04

CREDIT.

Received for supplies sold,	.	\$1 70	
Received from town,	.	147 34	
			<hr/>
			\$149 04

SCHOLARS ATTENDING PINKERTON ACADEMY.

Paid Ethel M. Greene, . . .	\$6 00	
Maud R. Rand, . . .	6 00	
Laura B. Robinson, . . .	6 00	
Carrie A. Underhill, . . .	6 00	
Marion C. Webster, . . .	6 00	
Bessie L. Wray, . . .	6 00	
Harris M. West, . . .	6 00	
Roy Purington, 1-2 term, . . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

CREDIT.

Received from town, tuition, . . .	\$45 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester, for the past year, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
CHARLES H. GREENE,	
ADDISON A. BEAN,	

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year, . . .	\$65 35
Received from town of Chester, . . .	1,546 62
Received from town of Derry, tuition,	
No. 7	9 80
Received from B. Sanborn, tuition,	
No. 6	1 00

Received from J. Bingham, tuition,		
No. 6,	.	1 00
Received from auction sale No. 9		
school house,	.	20 50
		<hr/> \$1,644 27
Paid for teachers	.	\$1,441 15
conveying pupils, No. 6,	.	58 00
fuel,	.	61 08
janitors,	.	7 20
miscellaneous bills,	.	16 25
Cash on hand to balance,	.	60 59
		<hr/> \$1,644 27

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid bills for repairs,	.	\$94 59
Cash on hand to balance,	.	37 06
		<hr/> \$131 65

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	\$31 65
Received from town,	.	100 00
		<hr/> \$131 65

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WEBSTER, District Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., February 20, 1902.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of John M. Webster, treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester, for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors.
CHARLES H. GREENE,	
ADDISON A. BEAN,	

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	No. of Pupils in											
				Whole No. of Pupils.	Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology
															Book-keeping
															Algebra
1	Spring . .	Adelaide M. Turner	11	20	20	20	20	20	15	17	15	18	14	20	19
	Fall	Adelaide M. Turner	11	21	21	21	21	21	19	19	14	20	..	21	21
1 Div.	Winter . .	Adelaide M. Turner	7	18	18	18	18	18	18	17	17	18	..	18	18
	Spring . .	Carrie B. Hazelton	11	23	23	19	21	21	11	10	..	11	..	..	..
2 Div.	Fall	Carrie B. Hazelton	12	32	32	32	32	28	20	19	7	7	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Grace E. Marden	6	34	34	34	34	27	27	18	7	7	..	..	..
2	Spring . .	Martha L. Coolidge	11	9	8	7	7	7	7	3	3	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Martha L. Coolidge	12	10	9	8	9	8	7	3	2	..	..	..	..
3	Winter . .	Martha L. Coolidge	6	8	7	6	7	6	6	4	2	..	..	..	..
	Spring . .	M. Genevieve Sargeant	11	22	22	22	22	18	15	8	8	..	..	..	3
3	Fall	M. Genevieve Sargeant	12	18	18	18	18	14	12	8	6	..	..	..	1
	Winter . .	M. Genevieve Sargeant	6	13	13	13	13	12	9	6	4	..	..	..	1
5	Spring . .	Edith M. Webster	12	15	14	14	14	14	14	8	3	7	..	..	..
	Fall	Edith M. Webster	12	15	15	15	15	13	13	7	7	..	..	3	..
6	Winter . .	Edith M. Webster	5	15	12	12	12	11	11	7	7	..	..	3	..
	Spring . .	Susie H. Gillingham	12	16	16	16	15	13	9	5	1	..	..	..	..
6	Fall	Susie H. Gillingham	12	18	18	18	18	13	11	6	6	..	..	..	..
	Winter . .	Susie H. Gillingham	5	17	17	17	17	13	13	7	7	..	..	..	..
7	Spring . .	Anna L. Hazelton	11	15	15	15	15	15	9	9	7	9	15	..	..
	Fall	Duraxa W. Crawford	11	14	13	13	13	10	9	9	9	..	9	..	..
7	Winter . .	Mary E. Chesbro	6	13	13	13	9	13	9	9	7	..	9	..	..

BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES,
DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con.			Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Male or Female	Living or Stillb.	No. of Child.						
Mar. 6	Chester..	Ethel Ina	f	1	1 w	Oscar M. Lovering ..	Ina G. Morse	Chester	Derry.....	23 25	25 25
Mar. 22	"	Loren Parker	m	1	7 w	George D. Rand ..	Lestina L. Parker ..	Chester	Sandwich ..	53 44	44 44
April 11	"	Eleanor Harris	f	1	3 w	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Mary W. Kimball ..	Chester	Dexter, Me ..	41 32	32 32
May 10	"	Dorothy Abbie	f	1	1 w	Arthur E. Leighton..	Sarah E. Edwards ..	Lowell, Mass ..	Chester	22 22	22 22
June 9	"	Winifred Rachel	f	1	2 w	John H. Robie	Abbie J. Goldsmith..	Chester	Pittsfield.. ..	46 40	40 40
June 13	"	Bernard Morse	m	1	1 w	Elmer A. Sanborn ..	Mary A. Morse	Chester	Chester	31 24	24 24
June 26	"	Viola Packard	f	1	5 w	Wm. H. H. Cole	Hellena F. Buckley ..	Columbia, N. Y ..	Malden, Mass ..	61 29	29 29
Sept. 5	"	—	f	1	3 w	Farish G. Lewis	Flora G. Jones	Nova Scotia	Brattleboro, Vt ..	32 26	26 26
Oct. 10	"	Welcome Danver ..	m	1	2 w	George A. Freeman..	Frances E. Parker ..	Natick, Mass	S. Framingham, M's	28 22	22 22
Oct. 11	"	Evelyn G.	f	1	2 w	George F. DeLaskey.	Lillian A. Kenney ..	New Brunswick ..	East Boston, Mass.	27 24	24 24
Nov. 28	"	Forrest Russell	m	1	2 w	Elmer M. Robie	Carrie M. Devino	Frankonia	Chester	65 46	46 46
Dec. 12	"	Eva Elizabeth	f	1	1 w	Samuel S. Parker	Ellen A. Hazleton ..	Chester	Chester	40 30	30 30
Dec. 24	"	Helen Louisa	f	1	8 w	Edmund Simpson	Hda Allen	Boston, Mass	Philadelphia, Pa ..	43 39	39 39

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 5	Chester ...	Walter W. Lane	Chester	23 w		Carpenter	Chester	Luther B. Lane	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Carolyn M. Lane	Chester	21 w		—	Chester	Emma A. Brown	1	
Sept. 4	Chester	James A. Edwards	Chester	25 w		Sawyer ..	Chester	Henry H. Lane	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Anna L. Lane	Chester	23 w		—	Chester	Emeline F. Tenney ...	1	
14	Chester	John Bentley	Medford, Mass.	71 w		None	— England	Albert F. B. Edwards..	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
		Frances Mary Adams ..	Medford, Mass.	59 w		—	Williams, town, Vt.	Anna E. Knights	2	C. H. Smith, Clergyman, Sandown.
Dec. 4	West Boylston, Mass.	William A. Healy	Chester	26 w		Farming..	Chester	Mary I. Dow	1	J. B. Robinson, Clergyman, West Boylston, Mass.
		Hattie F. Buss	West Boylston, Mass..	21 w		—	Worcester, Mass.	Elie Bentley	1	
								Maria Kettle		
								Arnold Adams		
								Charlotte Colby		
								Samuel G. Healy		
								Melissa Pace		
								Fred Buss		
								Ellen Salisbury		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, for the Year Ending December 31, 1901.

Date.	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	Color.	Single, etc.			
1901.										
Feb. 8	Chester	Madeline P. Fisk	1	123		f	w s	—	John D. Fisk	Martha A. Emery
11	"	Edward B. West	29	7	8	m	w m	Laborer	Edward West	Jane Keller
12	"	George Wells	70	3	22	m	w m	Farmer	Thomas Wells	Nabby Hopkins
Mar. 4	"	George Locke Converse	52	9	12	m	w m	"	Luke Converse	Sarah T. Bean
16	"	Thos. Emerson Kendall	30	6	21	m	w m	Laborer	Samuel Kendall	Keziah Cutter
May 8	"	Julie Edna West	43	7		f	w m	"	Horatio H. Rhodes	Maria H. Smith
10	"	James Duncan Bell	83	9	3	f	w m	Farmer	William Bell	Mary McMaster
June 7	"	Harriet C. Shaw	83	10	1	f	w w	"	Walter Card	Sally
11	"	Arthur Truman Osburn	44	2	26	m	w s	Fireman	George Osburn	Julie Daley
25	Sandown	Chester P. Corning	34	2	1	m	w s	Salesman	John S. Corning	Josephine M. Stevens
July 2	Chester	Cynthia Woodbury	77	4	11	f	w m	—	Michael Drew	—
16	"	Nancy Crombie Steele	32	3	15	f	w m	—	Emerson H. Childs	Addie A. Hall
Aug. 16	"	Arthur L. Emerson	52	4	14	m	w m	Physician	Isaiah Emerson	Sarah Sleeper
16	"	Nathaniel B. Couch	60	9	23	m	w m	Lumberman	John S. Couch	Lois Hutchins
Sept. 8	"	Mary A. Knowles	60	9	23	f	w m	"	George W. Hook	Betsy Smith
25	"	George Moody West	81	3	19	m	w w	Farmer	Henry H. West	Sarah Rogers
Oct. 4	"	Elizabeth Hazelton Fitz	83	10		f	w w	"	Josiah Hazelton	Sarah Emerson
9	Farbault, Minn.	George Cunniff	80	11	13	m	w w	Farmer	Cyrus Cunniff	Ruth Seavey
10	Chester	Charles Norton Fitz	72	4	18	m	w w	"	Charles Fitz	Wata True
13	"	Martha W. Webster	78	8	18	f	w w	—	George Gibson	Catharine Olone
29	"	Katie R. Underhill	41	2	16	f	w m	—	Peter McIntyre	Hannah Brown
Nov. 7	"	Joseph Dame	82	6	1	m	w m	Harnessm'k'r	Benjamin Dame	Susan Hoyt
15	"	George Wilber Wilcomb	77	2	25	m	w m	Farmer	Ebenezer Wilcomb	Keziah Cutter
25	"	Miriam B. Jones	88	7	23	f	w w	"	Samuel Kendall	Cynthia J. Piper
Dec. 28	"	Charles Thomas Brown	32	1	25	m	w m	Shoemaker	George L. Brown	—

Average age 61.36 years.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.

